COURSE Law 360 Legal Ethics and Professionalism
UNIT VALUE 1.5 Units (3 hours of instruction per week)
INSTRUCTOR Pooja Parmar
TERM OFFERED Spring 2019
CLASS TIMES See schedule
PREREQUISITES/COREQUISITES Law 360 Legal Ethics is a required course for the JD degree.

OBJECTIVES
This course examines the ethical and professional dimensions of the practice of law in Canada and other jurisdictions including the meanings of ethics and the nature of professionalism. The course offers an opportunity to students to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to identify and address ethical dilemmas that arise in the legal profession, and considers topics such as regulation of the legal profession, the role and responsibilities of members of the legal profession in society, the nature and scope of their duties, critical issues affecting the legal profession, self-reflection, and critical thinking about legal ethics and professionalism.

TEACHING METHODOLOGY
Class time will divide between lectures, class discussions, exercises and activities designed to achieve the course objectives. Readings will introduce and explore related issues, and set the tone for discussions within the group and with guest speakers. Guest lecturers from the profession and judiciary contribute their expertise to students’ enhanced understanding of the legal profession. The course is designed to satisfy the graduation requirements for call to the profession set by the Federation of Law Societies of Canada.

EXPECTED EVALUATION METHODOLOGY
NB: this is preliminary and could change

The class is marked on a pass / fail basis. A student must pass each of the evaluative segments in order to pass the course.

Class participation: Students are required to attend all classes and participate in group and class discussions
Written assignments: Students are required to submit a series of written assignments
Class presentation: Students are required to prepare and present to the class on a topic chosen from a list of issues. This includes timely submission of a written outline.

There is no final exam.

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1 The information in this document is provided for course registration purposes only and is subject to change. More detailed course information about course content and evaluation will be provided upon the commencement of the course. Students seeking additional information about the course prior to its commencement may contact the instructor or, if no instructor is listed, the Manager of Academic Administration and Student Services (lawmaass@uvic.ca).